That doesn't satisfy them, Mr. Speaker. They even want to legalize the people that have been deported and sent to their home countries and bring them back to the United States. If that occurs, 11 million to 20 million becomes at least 30 million people.

Because we have what they call a ''de facto'' amnesty now, it is, in fact, literally amnesty now, and making that promise is going to start another rush over our borders.

We must restore the rule of law.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, creating an immigration process for new American immigrants is not just an issue that will shape the future for one group.

So much is at stake for 3 million African and Caribbean immigrants that live and work here. They're a vital part of our future as hardworking, upstanding individuals in search of freedom and a better life. They also deserve a fair system that works, and they are more than just a number on a page.

Last week, a young lady came to my office who was born in America to Haitian parents. Her name is Natalie. Natalie is a graduate student who has job offers lined up. She is ready to work and commits herself to this country. But Natalie can't do those things because of our broken immigration system. She is neither recognized as a citizen here nor in Haiti. While in tears, she said she has no home. She can't see her family. She's scared and feels alone. Natalie is one of those 11 million people that are looking for a pathway to citizenship.

It is time to pass commonsense legislation that fixes our immigration system once and for all, one that serves our interests and reflects our values for Natalie and the 11 million other Natalies who call America home.

AMERICA'S ECONOMY CAN THRIVE AGAIN

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, the solution to our economic challenges is one simple word: growth. Unfortunately, the only place really growing in our country today is Washington, D.C.

As I travel my district, workers, job seekers, and small business owners tell me they're concerned about jobs and economic security.

Washington must unleash their economic potential by spending less, taxing less, and regulating less. Washington has to stop growing so the rest of the country can start to grow.

Small business owners this year spent upwards of 2 billion hours trying to comply with our Tax Code. Simpli-

fying the Tax Code will help them save time and money that they can then put towards growing their businesses, hiring new employees and raising wages.

Washington must also streamline regulations that are strangling growth. The REINS Act would require that any regulation with an annual impact of $100 million or more be subject to a vote of this House.

With the right tax and regulatory policies, America's economy can thrive again.

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CLOSE GUANTANAMO BAY

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, about 12 years ago, 779 people were gathered initially and sent to the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. About 85 percent of them had never actually engaged in direct combat against the United States. A report was issued by an independent, authoritative commission yesterday that I want to bring attention to. It was headed by Asa Hutchinson, a former Republican colleague of ours, and 4 star General Jim Jones, who was head of the National Security Council in the Obama administration.

It concluded that the United States engaged in the practice of torture at Guantanamo Bay. It concluded that the methods we used, like waterboarding, slamming prisoners into walls, chaining them in stress positions for hours, violated international legal obligations with ''no firm or persuasive evidence that they produced valuable information that could not have been obtained by other means.'' It also concluded that what we did had ''no justification'' and ''damaged the standing of our Nation, reduced our capacity to convey moral censure when necessary, and potentially increased the danger to U.S. military personnel taken captive.''

It concluded that President Bush and Vice President Cheney were directly involved in condoning such tactics and that their legal advisors engaged in ''acrobatic'' legal analysis to attempt to establish legal justification.

There was no legal precedent. Guantanamo Bay should be closed—now.

TAX REFORM

(Mr. SOUTHERLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOUTHERLAND. Mr. Speaker, it's tax week. As you know, that means that Americans' heads are chock-full of all kinds of numbers. We've done all kinds of itemizations, deductions, and calculations in our personal finances just to make sure that we know how much we are going to hand over to Uncle Sam. Let me share with you some more numbers.

How about $168 billion? That's how much our fellow Americans spend each year just to make sure they comply with our overcomplicated Tax Code. Just how complicated are the tax rules in this country? Well, here is another number—4 million. That's how many words there are in the U.S. Tax Code. There are 4,500 words in the U.S. Constitution. There are 775,000 words in the Bible. Yet there are 4 million in our Tax Code.

What does this all add up to?

It means that our current tax system is broken. We need fundamental, comprehensive tax reform to make our Tax Code fairer and simpler for all Americans. That is the House Republican plan.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 624, CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 164 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 164

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-7. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any